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SUBJECT: SITREP-VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

REF: HK 6621

1. DURING THE WEEK, ANOTHER 270 REFUGEES DEPARTED HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DETENTION CAMPS. THE LARGEST GROUP WAS 201 WHO LEFT JUNE 19 FOR AUSTRILIA. ADDITIONALLY, 37 MORE WENT TO FRANCE AND 32 TO CANADA. THIS LEAVES 3,237 IN THE CAMPS. DANISH REPRESENTATIVES ARE CURRENTLY IN HONG KONG SCREENING REFUGEES AND PLAN TO TAKE 100.

2. IN SHARP CONTRAST, NO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAVE DEPARTED FOR THE US FOR OVER TWO WEEKS AND THE TOTAL DEPARTING FOR THE US THUS FAR IS ONLY 77. TWO ADDITIONAL REFUGEES (HK 6870) ARE AWAITING FINAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FROM ICEM. WE ARE ALSO AWAITING A RESPONSE TO HK 6634 AUTHORIZING TRAVEL TO RECEPTION CENTERS IN THE US FOR 12 USG EMPLOYEES, WHOSE STATUS HAS ALREADY BEEN VERIFIED BY CON OFFS, AND THEIR 31 DEPENDENTS.

3. WE HOPE THAT HK 6938 OUTLINING WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND WHAT ACTIONS WE ASSUME WASHINGTON IS UNDERTAKING IN RESPONSE TO OUR SCREENING OF THE VIETNAMESE WILL CLARIFY THE
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SITUATION AND THAT THE PROCESS OF VERIFYING CLAIMED RELATION-

SHIPS AND RUNNING THE NECESSARY SECURITY CLEARANCES CAN BE
SPEEDED UP SO THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF REFUGEES MAY BE
READY TO DEPART HONG KONG WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.
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